GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1004
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
FENCING OF BORDER
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fencing on international border areas of Assam and other States is far from completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether as per various reports from observers, intelligence agencies and State Government, the infiltrator may soon become the majority in Assam;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Union Government for completion of fencing work and stop infiltration, particularly in Assam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a) & (b) : Out of the total 857.37 kms of Fencing sanctioned in Phase-I of the Indo -Bangladesh Border Roads& Fence Construction Project, 854.01 kms have already been completed. Out of this 146.51 kms of fencing have been completed in Assam against the sanctioned length of 152.31 kms.

The Government has recently sanctioned Phase-II of the Project to cover the remaining portion of the border areas, which include construction of 2429.5 kms of fencing at an estimated cost of Rs. 847 crores. The work is scheduled for completion by 2007.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of the answer to (c) above.